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## **REMARKS**

Claims 21, 25-32 and 35-37 are pending. Claims 1-20, 22-24, 33, 34 and 38-40 are currently canceled. Claims 21, 25, 30, 32 and 35 are currently amended. Reconsideration of the application is requested.

## § 112 Rejections

Claims 21-37 were rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. In particular, the term "guide structure" in claims 21, 25, 32 and 35, as well as the term "releasably coupling structure" in claims 21 and 25, were found to have insufficient antecedent basis. Claims 21, 25, 32 and 35 have been amended to overcome this rejection. Applicant submits that this rejection under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, has been overcome, and that the rejection should be withdrawn.

## § 103 Rejections

Claims 21-24, 30-34 and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kang (U.S. 6,601,630) in view of Shinozaki et al (U.S. 6,508,287).

In rejecting these claims, however, the Office Action fails to identify where the elements recited in at least dependent claims 24 and 34 can be found in the cited prior references. A review of the cited references reveals that the elements of either claim 24 or claim 34 cannot be found in the cited references. Therefore, the Office Action fails to establish a prima facie case of obviousness, at least with regard to claims 24 and 34. As a result, claim 21 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 24 and of the intervening claims 22 and 23. In addition, claim 30 has been amended to now be dependent upon newly amended claim 21. Furthermore, claim 32 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claims 34 and of the intervening claim 33. Accordingly, it is submitted that the above rejection of claims 21-24, 30-34 and 37 under 35 USC § 103(a) has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

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In view of the above, it is submitted that the application is in condition for allowance.

Examination and reconsideration of the application as amended is requested.

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